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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2003, please extend the period of time for response one (1) month, to expire February 2, 2004 (January 31, 2004 being a Saturday). Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include three attached Replacement Sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.